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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Thomas WEIMER ) Group Art Unit: 1631  
Serial No.: 09/833,675 ) Examiner: Cheyne Ly  
Filed: April 13, 2001 )  
For: PROCESS FOR FINDING )  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This paper is responsive to the Office action mailed March 26, 2003, which set a shortened statutory period for response of one month. Thus, the response is due by Monday, April 28, 2003, and is timely filed.

**REMARKS**

In the Office action, the Office asserts that pending claims 10-34 are directed to 2 allegedly separate and distinct inventions:

Group I: Claims 10-25, drawn to a process for identifying one or more heterologous oligonucleotide sequences for use in amplifying a

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